and Poverty Alleviation has also launched a programme known as "Two Million Housing Programme" in 1998 which provides for 7 lakh additional houses in urban areas besides 13 lakh additional houses in rural areas each year.

Slum Sanitation Programme Stage-II in Mumbai

430. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for grant/credit/loan from the World Bank for implementing Slum Sanitation Programme Stage-II in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date of its receipt; and

(c) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra forwarded a proposal for grant/ credit/loan from the World Bank for implementing Slum Sanitation Programme in Mumbai to this Ministry. The Slum Sanitation Programme (Stage-II) is proposed to be implemented in 7 years upto 2010 and the cost of the works is Rs. 4800 million, including engineering services towards design, project management and physical and cost contingencies. The project aims to provide sustainable improvements to the sanitation, based on demand drivan participatory approach, for the benefit of slum dwellers located on municipal, private and Government lands, to provide water, sewerage, storm water network in and around slums and to integrate the system with the city network and to provide solid waste collection and disposal mechanism with the help of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) from amongst the slum dwellers. The proposal has been received in the Ministry in May, 2004.

(c) The Government of Maharashtra has been requested to furnish certain clarifications on the proposal.

Environmental projects in urban slums

†431. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects being run at present with the help of foreign assistance in the country for environmental improvement in urban slums specially in Himachal Pradesh and since when;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.